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FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Nursing Workforce

Staffing Law Research & Impacts: David Tucker, a PhD student and nurse from the University of Wisconsin, is conducting a study on Oregon's new hospital staffing law. He's [seeking perspectives from bedside nurses and managers](#) across both urban and rural settings. The law's implementation, particularly civil penalties, is drawing focus. A [webinar by the Oregon Health Authority](#) is scheduled for July 16 to explain what those penalties mean operationally for hospitals. Concerns were raised about rural hospitals managing the staffing law, especially under tighter resources and workforce strain.

Behavioral Health Integration: The [Cambia Foundation announced a grant opportunity](#) for integrating behavioral health workforce into primary care. It's open to organizations in OR, WA, ID, and UT. Nursing-led proposals are encouraged.

Medicaid Cuts & Moral Distress: Federal Medicaid changes passed last week are causing concern, particularly for the implications on nurse employment in systems dependent on Medicaid funding and patient care access and outcomes. OCN discussed providing resources to better understand the timeline and impact, including fact sheets, blogs, and webinars; [contact Jana Bitton](#) if you are interested in helping create these resources.

Nursing Education & Policy

OSBN Updates: [A Lunch & Learn](#) is scheduled to walk through Division 21 new rules and implementation, and OSBN has [created a new website dedicated to rule changes](#), links to rule hearings, and information on current and proposed regulations. Further, there is now an [email strictly for education-related policy inquiries](#).

Events & Happenings

OCN Outstanding Preceptor Event: Nominations for Outstanding Preceptor of 2025 will close on August 6. Be sure to send in your [nominations now!](#) Save the Date: Outstanding Preceptor Awards will take place Sept. 17 as an online event.

Federal Worker Support Event: Portland State University is hosting an [in-person networking and support event for federal employees](#) impacted by workforce reductions, including VA and federally employed nurses on July 15 in Portland.

OR and WA AWHONN Fall Conference: Posters (including student posters) are being accepted for the September 2025 conference in Stevenson, WA. If you'd like more information or to submit a poster, reach out to Megan.Ludena@kp.org.

No Huddle 7/18/2025!

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, July 25th, at 8:00 a.m.

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